



**Command
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**Command Master Chief
USS Enterprise (CVN 65)**

Master Chief DeClercq, a native of Flint, Mich., enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1980. After completion of recruit training in Orlando, Fla., he attended Machinist Mate "A" school in Great Lakes, Ill., and reported to his first fleet assignment aboard USS Talbot (FFG 4) in Mayport, Fla.

In the fall of 1981 he volunteered for submarine duty and transferred to Basic Enlisted Submarine and Auxiliary Engineering Package Schools in Groton, Conn.

Master Chief reported to USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) in January 1982. His follow-on submarine assignments include USS Atlanta (SSN 712), USS Phoenix (SSN 702), and plankowner in USS Cheyenne (SSN 773).

From October 1988 through October 1991 Master Chief DeClercq served as a test engineer and inspector for Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command Code 390 (SMMS/PMT). His specialty was experimental oxygen generation systems and hydraulic control systems. He also participated in hull engineering analysis for live-fire shock trials aboard USS Jacksonville (SSN 699).

Master Chief DeClercq served previous Command tours as Chief-of-the-Boat, USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723), Command Master Chief, Strike Fighter Squadron Eighty Three (VFA 83), and Command Master Chief for the Naval Test and Evaluation Force.

Master Chief DeClercq graduated with honors from Class 95 of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy and holds a Baccalaureate of Science degree from Excelsior University.

He assumed the duties of Command Master Chief of USS Enterprise (CVN 65) in February 2006.